Mr. Dann on the Maharaja's College extension scheme at Ernakulam on the table ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 84.

Copy of the plan is placed on the Council Table.

Unemployment.

86. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of unemployed among the graduates, the under-graduates and the School Finals in the State castewar.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No accurate statistics are available.

Proprietorship of lands.

87. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the acreage of the largest land-hold in the State under the direct management of the single proprietor ;

(b) how the Government reconciles the existence of similar land-holds with considerations of public welfare ;

(c) how the Government intend to mend such social evils ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) It is not possible to furnish the information without an elaborate enquiry. Government do not consider that the results of such an enquiry would justify the large expense involved in making it.

(b) Government do not think it opposed to public welfare.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (b).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not the money that the Government commands for public good ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes. But this is not the only public good. It is not a sufficiently public good to spend the money on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that you do not consider that this item of the acreage of the largest land-hold in the State under the direct management of a single proprietor is not to be inquired into ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I do not understand the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My supplementary question is whether your money is not for public good.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—You do not consider this enquiry is in accordance to public good.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What are your reasons for it?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The reasons are so obvious. I do not take up the time of the House by referring to them. I do not think it will serve any public good. That is the opinion of the Government. We have to spend a large amount of public money, a lot of time to examine all the records and what is the good it is going to serve?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do you mean to say.....

President.—Questions should be addressed to the Chair.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The grounds on which the Member for Revenue talked that an enquiry of this kind would serve no public good.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is the opinion of the Government.

88. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of land-holdings of the State above 50 acres in area and under the direct management of the single proprietor;

(b) the respective area of each of the first 12 land-holdings that top the list of (a);

(c) the percentage of (a) that is absolutely free from encumbrances and liabilities;

(d) the encumbrances, exact to rupees, annas, pies of each of (b);

(e) the personal liabilities of each of the proprietors in (b);

(f) with reference to a, b, c, d, and e whether the Government intend to fix a maximum above which the land must be leased to the less fortunate of the community;

(g) whether the Government are aware that (f) will be a most modest and partial interference on their part, in their compaign against poverty;

(h) whether they are aware that any Government that hesitate to take the gentle step, suggested in (f) have no right to call themselves a civilized Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) to (e) The Member is referred to the answer to sub-division (a) of question No. 87.

(f) to (h) No.

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